

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. By this amendment, claims 1-2, 7, and 12 are amended, and claims 19-20 are added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

I. Formal Matters

Interview Summary Under 37 C.F.R. §1.133

A telephonic interview occurred between Jodi Hartman and Examiner Nguyen on July 12, 2004. The interview covered the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of independent claims 1 and 12 as being unpatentable over WO 95/12948 to Serbetcioglu et al. (hereinafter "Serbetcioglu") in view of United States Patent No. 6,343,120 to Rhodes (hereinafter "Rhodes"). The Examiner indicated that the rejection of independent claims 1 and 12 was not being withdrawn at that time, but the Examiner suggested claim language that would overcome the cited references. However, the Examiner stated that further consideration and search would be needed if the suggested amendments were made.

II. Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Serbetcioglu in view of Rhodes. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As amended, claim 1 recites that in a telecommunications system comprising an advanced intelligent network (AIN) wireline network connected to a wireless network, a method for providing an audio calling name and number feature to a wireless telephone in association with a telephone call from a calling party telephone to the wireless telephone comprises if the wireless telephone is available, then querying a database of subscriber information connected to the SCP to determine a calling name associated with the directory number of the calling party telephone; forwarding the calling name and the directory number associated with the calling party telephone to a service node; placing a

call from the service node to the wireless telephone; and playing an audio annunciation of the calling name and the directory number.

Serbetcioglu does not teach or suggest a method for providing an audio calling name and number feature to a wireless telephone in association with a telephone call from a calling party telephone to the wireless telephone as recited by claim 1. On the contrary, Serbetcioglu describes a method of delivering a caller name to a called party including receiving a call from a caller directed to a called party at a mobile switching center (MSC); routing the call to a feature server; determining if the caller line identity (CLI) associated with the call is in a pass-through list and, if not, whether the CLI is in a screen caller list; if the CLI associated with the call is not in the screen caller list, then prompting the caller to speak his or her name; initiating a call to the called party through a path from the feature server through the MSC to the called party; and if a speech path is established, then playing the caller name and the CLI to the called party. This is not analogous to the method recited by claim 1 because Serbetcioglu fails to teach or suggest querying a database of subscriber information connected to the feature server to determine the caller's name associated with the CLI of the caller. Instead, Serbetcioglu describes recording the caller's spoken name in response to a prompt and establishing a voice link to the called party over which the recorded spoken name is played to the called party.

Moreover, Serbetcioglu fails to teach or suggest forwarding the recorded caller's name and the CLI associated with the call to a service node and placing a call from the service node to the called party. On the contrary, Serbetcioglu describes initiating a call to the called party through a path from the feature server through the MSC to the called party, without suggesting forwarding the call to a service node that places a call to the called party.

The Office Action relies on the teaching of Rhodes to allegedly cure the above-noted deficiencies of Serbetcioglu. However, like Serbetcioglu, Rhodes does not teach or suggest a method for providing an audio calling name and number feature to a wireless telephone in association with a telephone call from a calling party telephone to the wireless telephone as recited by claim 1. In contrast, Rhodes describes a method of

providing calling party name information to a mobile station associated with a called party including initiating a call from a calling party through a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) to a terminating mobile switching center (MSC); sending a query to an information database connected to the LEC to obtain the public calling party name information associated with the calling party number; transferring the public calling party name information to the terminating MSC; and transferring the calling party number and name information to the mobile station for display at the station. This is not analogous to the method recited by claim 1 because Rhodes fails to teach or suggest querying an information database connected to a service control point to determine the public calling name associated with the calling party. Instead, Rhodes describes sending a query to an information database connected to the LEC.

Further, like Serbetcioglu, Rhodes fails to teach or suggest forwarding the calling party number and name information to a service node which places a call to the mobile station. Instead, Rhodes describes transferring the calling party number and name information to the terminating MSC which transfers the calling party number and name information to the mobile station for display.

For at least the reasons given above, claim 1 is allowable over the combined teaching of Serbetcioglu and Rhodes. Claims 1-11 depend from claim 1 and are considered allowable over the combined teaching of Serbetcioglu and Rhodes for at least these reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As amended, claim 12 recites that an audio calling name method for audibly announcing to a called party a calling name of a calling party in an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) in association with a call from the calling party to the called party, wherein the AIN includes a switch, a service node, and a service control point (SCP), wherein the service control point is functionally connected to the switch and the service node, wherein the service control point is connected to a database of subscriber information including a list of calling names associated with directory numbers, and wherein the audio calling name method comprises retrieving, from the database of subscriber information connected to the SCP, the calling name associated with the calling party number; forwarding the calling name and calling party number to the service node;

placing an outgoing call from the service node to a directory number associated with the called party.

Serbetcioglu does not teach or suggest audio calling name method as recited by claim 12. In contrast, Serbetcioglu describes a method of delivering a caller name to a called party including receiving a call from a caller directed to a called party at a mobile switching center (MSC); routing the call to a feature server; prompting the caller to speak his or her name; initiating a call to the called party through a path from the feature server through the MSC to the called party; and if a speech path is established, then playing the caller name and the CLI to the called party. This is not analogous to the method recited by claim 12 because Serbetcioglu fails to teach or suggest retrieving, from a database of subscriber information connected to the feature server, the caller's name associated with the caller. Instead, Serbetcioglu describes recording the caller's spoken name in response to a prompt and establishing a voice link to the called party over which the recorded spoken name is played to the called party.

Moreover, Serbetcioglu fails to teach or suggest forwarding the recorded caller's name and the CLI associated with the call to a service node and placing an outgoing call from the service node to the called party. On the contrary, Serbetcioglu describes initiating a call to the called party through a path from the feature server through the MSC to the called party, without suggesting forwarding the call to a service node that places an outgoing call to the called party.

The Office Action relies on the teaching of Rhodes to allegedly cure the above-noted deficiencies of Serbetcioglu. However, like Serbetcioglu, Rhodes does not teach or suggest an audio calling name method as recited by claim 12. Instead, Rhodes describes a method of providing calling party name information to a mobile station associated with a called party including initiating a call from a calling party through a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) to a terminating mobile switching center (MSC); sending a query to an information database connected to the LEC to obtain the public calling party name information associated with the calling party number; transferring the public calling party name information to the terminating MSC; and transferring the calling party number and name information to the mobile station for display at the station. This is not analogous to

the method recited by claim 12 because Rhodes fails to teach or suggest retrieving, from a database of subscriber information connected to the service control point, the public calling name associated with the calling party. Instead, Rhodes describes retrieving the public name associated with the calling party from an information database connected to the LEC.

Further, like Serbetcioglu, Rhodes fails to teach or suggest forwarding the calling party number and name information to a service node which places an outgoing call to the mobile station. Instead, Rhodes describes transferring the calling party number and name information to the terminating MSC which transfers the calling party number and name information to the mobile station for display.

For at least the reasons given above, claim 12 is allowable over the combined teaching of Serbetcioglu and Rhodes. Claims 13-18 depend from claim 12 and are considered allowable over the combined teaching of Serbetcioglu and Rhodes for at least these reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. New Claims 19-20

New claims 19-20 are directed to further embodiments of Applicants' claimed invention. Support for new independent claim 19 may be found at page 9, line 29 through page 11, line 4 of the specification. Support for new claim 20 may be found at page 10, lines 6-13.

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 19-20 are patentable over the art of record for at least the reasons given above with regard to claims 1 and 12.

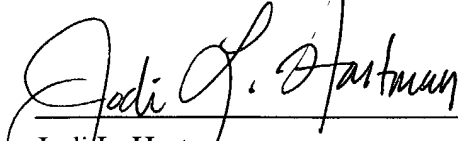
CONCLUSION

For at least these reasons, Applicants assert that the pending claims 1-20 are in condition for allowance. The Applicants further assert that this response addresses each and every point of the final Office Action, and respectfully requests that the Examiner

pass this application with claims 1-20 to allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at 404.954.5042.

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